

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 8, 2003 has been carefully reviewed. Claims 1-2 and 5-14 are pending in this patent application. By this amendment, claims 7 and 10-14 have been canceled. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2 and 5-9 were indicated to be allowed. Claim 12 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, claims 7 and 12 have been canceled.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 10-11 and 13-14 were each rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 under a combination of certain of the following references: Nippon, Oils, Hwang, Peters, Saruno, Gorbach, Lanzendorfer, Chickamatsu, Matsuda, and Kikuchi. In order to expedite issuance of the other claims of this patent application, claims 10-11 and 13-14 have been canceled.

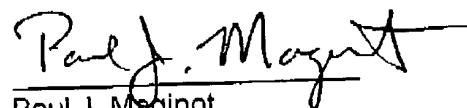
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, including claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, and 9.

Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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What is claimed is:

1. (amended) A cosmetic comprising:
at least one isoflavone aglycone in a biologically active form as active component,
said at least one isoflavone aglycone being incorporated into liposomes; and
at least one algal extract including an extract of algae of the genus *Spirulina*.
2. (amended) The cosmetic of claim 1, wherein said at least one isoflavone aglycone
is selected [form] from the group consisting of genistein and daidzein.
- A1 3. (Amended) The cosmetic of claim 1 further comprising at least one
algal extract.
4. The cosmetic of claim 3, wherein said at least one algal extract is an extract
of algae of the genus *Spirulina*.
5. The cosmetic of claim 1, wherein the concentration of said isoflavone agly-
cone is from 1 to 500 mg per kg of the cosmetic.
6. (amended) The [cosmetics] cosmetic of claim 5[.], wherein the concentration of
said isoflavone aglycone is from 20 to 100 mg per kg of the cosmetic.

A2 7. (New) The cosmetic of claim 2 further comprising at least one algal
extract.

-- 8. The cosmetic of claim 1, wherein said liposomes have a diameter of less than
140 nm. --

-- 9. The cosmetic of claim 8, wherein said liposomes have a diameter of between
100nm and 140 nm. --

-- 10. A cosmetic comprising at least one isoflavone aglycone in a biologically active
form as active component, said at least one isoflavone aglycone selected from the group
consisting of genistein and daidzein, said at least one isoflavone aglycone being incorporated
into liposomes and in a concentration of from 20 to ⁵⁰⁰ 100 mg per kg of the cosmetic. --

-- 11. The cosmetic of claim 10, further comprising at least one algal extract. --

-- 12. The cosmetic of claim 11, wherein said at least one algal extract is an extract
of the genus *Spirulina*. --

-- 13. The cosmetic of claim 10, wherein said liposomes have a diameter of between
100nm and 140 nm. --

add (4) the cosmetic of claim 10, wherein said